

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

SUBJECT: Issuance of Underground Injection Control Permit

FROM: Ryan Hancharick
Source Water & UIC Section (3WD22)

TO: Cathy Libertz, Director
Water Division (3WD00)

Your concurrence is requested on the attached draft permit.

On March 15, 2021, Sandstone Development LLC ("Sandstone") submitted a UIC permit application for the conversion of one production well to a class II-R enhanced recovery injection well located in Moody Lot 5 in the Bradford Township, McKean County, PA. The draft permit will allow Sandstone to inject produced fluids into the Bradford Third sandstone reservoir at depths of approximately 1,863 feet to 1,963 feet below ground surface. If the final permit is issued to Pocahontas, it will remain in effect for the operational life of the facility. A permit is required to meet the provisions of the EPA-administered UIC Program in Pennsylvania.

The draft permit will be public noticed for 30 days with opportunity to request a hearing. In lieu of providing a local library the administrative record during the Covid-19 pandemic, EPA will be posting all application materials, the draft permit, and the statement of basis on EPA's website. A virtual public hearing will be held if sufficient interest in the draft permit is evidenced. A formal consultation with the Seneca Nation has already begun with a meeting held on June 24, 2021. In agreement between the UIC program, OCTEA, and the Seneca Nation, the draft permit will be shared with the Seneca Nation one week prior to the public comment period.

This permit currently is not in backlog, however issuing the public notice in the next two weeks will be key in keeping the permit on schedule.

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN OR DATE THE PERMIT. This is just the draft of the permit to be public noticed.

PERMIT:

SANDSTONE DEVELOPMENT LLC
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